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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

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Sir:

The following is a statement of the substance of the Interview held on 27 October, 2005. Applicant's attorney pointed out that, in Mori et al., as discussed at col. 5, lines 8 - 24, the optical axis of the halogen lamp unit is inclined by an angle ( $\theta$ ) with respect to a normal to the center on the light entrance end face of the fiber bundle 14, so that shade lights 13', 13" (which lights are less bright, due to not including the reflected component from the mirror 2) do not enter the lens 7, thereby preventing the shadow of the light source from being projected onto the surface (i.e., the object 10) through the optical system. As the output end of the optical fiber that feeds the illumination optical system is **not** de-centered with respect to the optical axis of the projection optical system (formed of the lenses 5 and 7), there can be no change in distance as alleged by the Examiner at page 8, lines 1 - 10 of the Office Action. Therefore, the rejections on art of claims 19 - 22 appears to be improper.

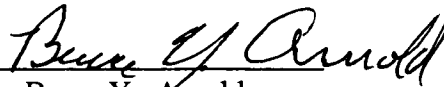
Also, it was discussed that a C-I-P application would likely be filed that deletes the sentence "Depending . . . will vary." that appears at page 10, lines 17 - 20, of the original specification. This sentence did not appear in the priority document and is not correct.

It was also mentioned that wording would be added to the specification of the C-I-P

application so as to provide antecedent basis in the specification for that which is claimed, and that "the distance" in claim 19, line 11, would be changed to - - a distance - - .

Respectfully submitted,

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